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EXCELSIOR SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Excelsior Springs, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving child pornography.

Clifford L. Voigt, 55, of Excelsior Springs, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Voigt** admitted that received child pornography over the Internet on June 3, 2001. Specifically, **Voigt** admitted that he received an email message that contained five digital photographs, each containing child pornography. The images depicted a female victim who was less than 12 years of age at the time the photographs were taken, Graves said.

Voigt also agreed to forfeit to the government property used to commit the offense, including a computer.

Under federal statutes, **Voigt** may be subject to a sentence of up to 15 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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